

## TELEGRAMS

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

**THE SILVER MARKET.**

London, Tex 31.

The silver market is quiet. It will be closed to-morrow.

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thus explains why the flesh tints of the metal parts stop seemingly to have no line of beginning or ending. Skin hues, which look bright on a dull day, show pallid and gray in bright sunshine, and somehow an average has to be struck—the artist has to pitch her tone for both bright

The experimental stages of Mrs. Ladd's work may now be considered as over, except for the ever-active search for improvements which must always go on. She has masks for seventeen seriously mutilated soldiers, each made different.

The approval and gratitude of the French Government has been expressed by the assignment of awards in Paris hospitals, to which soldiers with facial wounds may be sent from all over France, where Mrs. Ladd and her assistants work for them.—*Red Cross Magazine.*

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—WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8.—  
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Mme. Zaleska and M. Kiriloff—  
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THURSDAY, JAN. 9.—  
City Hall—Constitutional Re-  
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## GENERAL NEWS.

**DEATH OF CAPTAIN MOSES.**  
The many friends of Captain  
A. J. Moses will learn with regret  
that news has been received of  
his death at Port Said, on Novem-  
ber 23. Much sympathy will be  
felt with his widow and children  
now resident in Kobe.

## SIAI'S FLAG IN AMERICA.

The New York Herald recently,  
under the caption of "A New  
Flag in Town," had the following  
rather interesting paragraph—  
"Our esteemed ally and old friend  
the King of Siam decided recently  
that he ought to be in the fashion  
as far as the national flag was  
concerned. A whole block in  
Fifth Avenue is adorned with his  
new national standard, consist-  
ing of a broad blue stripe, flank-  
ed by the white and red. East  
and West we are all together just  
now, in spite of Rudyard Kip-  
ling's scepticism as to their never  
meeting."

## AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN.

In regard to Japan's alleged  
peace terms, as recently publish-  
ed by the Exchange Telegraph  
Agency, the "Sydney Bulletin"  
and "Melbourne Review" re-  
mark that it is obvious enough  
that some arrangements will  
have to be reached be-  
tween this country and  
the Japanese Government in the  
matter of Japanese immigration.  
We can hardly continue to slam  
the "door" in the face of our  
gallant Allies in the future as we  
have in the past. An honourable  
and standing peace like that in  
operation between Japan and  
the United States will no doubt  
have to be made.

## GERMAN INGENUITY.

A surprising sign of German  
ingenuity was found lately, by  
an English officer, in the posses-  
sion of a dead German. It is a  
New Year card of good wishes,  
carried about by the poor fellow  
for many a month. On the  
reverse is a print of Lady Butler's  
"Charge of the Scots Greys at  
Waterloo." But the bear-skins  
of our men have been admitt-  
edly changed to the spiked helmets,  
the German, "pickel-haube,"  
and in place of our standard flies  
the German flag. All the rest is  
correct, man for man, and horse  
for horse. Joy-bells decorate  
the frame. And lo! a fine Ger-  
man cavalry charge is before us.

## WEST GOES TO THE EAST.

The West goes back to the  
ancient East with the newest im-  
plements of scientific warfare, to  
redeem the cradle of its own  
civilisation. Egypt seems to  
have been the first land to dis-  
cover the use of metal and to  
employ it. They had commerce  
with a primitive Syrian race,  
called variously, Armenoid,  
Alpine, Celtic. These like their  
Egyptian teachers, discarded  
stone implements for bronze.  
They entered Europe, conquer-  
ing. Neolithic man bowed down  
before them. The Stone Age  
passed at their coming into the  
West, though Britain was slow  
to make the change.

## GENERAL NEWS.

**THE SIBERIAN CAMPAIGN.**  
A message from Vladivostok  
to a Northern contemporary  
about the conditions in Siberia  
makes none too cheerful read-  
ing. Seeing that the cam-  
paign was as easy as fox-hunting  
and that there was no strong body  
of any party in the whole country,  
it is most deplorable that the  
Allied forces there should only  
have succeeded in antagonising  
the population and promoting the  
disorder which they came to cure.  
Leaders like Gaidar and Semenov,  
who appear to have been pre-  
pared to do the work loyally  
if only they had proper direc-  
tion, are now either off the  
scene altogether or driven into  
the position of outlaws. In the  
case of Colonel Gaidar there was  
a deliberate attack upon him  
from Japanese quarters, but  
though the Japanese are in full  
control and greatest force, the  
other Allied representatives share  
the responsibility.

## FISHING IN TUNGSHAN DISTRICT.

The rivers about Chaoyang-  
chen in the Tungshan (Eastern  
Hill) District abound in fish.  
The annual hauls are put at  
200,000 lb. worth S.Y. 26,000.  
There are 40 fishermen besides  
more than 30 engaged in the  
trade as a secondary employ-  
ment. They have 50 fishing boats  
among themselves, using 30 large  
nets and 40 small ones. The fish-  
ing grounds are situated between  
North Shanchengtsu and Yang-  
tzu-shac. Dams are built of planks  
in the rivers to form channels  
expanding into fishing grounds.  
During the winter, holes are  
made in the icy surfaces of the  
rivers, and fires are built near  
the holes to attract the fish.  
Catfish, carp, and fana are the  
most plentiful. Tortoises and  
mud turtles are also found. The  
hauls are put on the markets at  
Chaoyangchen, Huinan, Hailung-  
cheng, Tungfeng, North Shan-  
chengtsu, Yangtzu-shao, etc.

## JAPANESE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT.

The Directors of the Kyoto  
Doshisha University held a  
meeting on December 11 in  
connection, it is reported, with  
the movement re-started by some  
graduates of the university and  
others to boycott Dr. Harada, the  
President. It is said that Dr.  
Harada has tendered his resigna-  
tion to the Directors, some of  
whom are of opinion that the  
resignation should be accepted,  
while others favour rejection. It  
is further reported that Dr.  
Ichimura, Professor of Kyoto  
Imperial University, who is  
also a lecturer at the Doshisha  
University, has made it to be  
understood that if Dr. Harada is  
forced to resign, he and twenty  
other lecturers, who are also  
Professors at Kyoto University,  
will sever connection with the  
Doshisha. It is expected that the  
students of this institution will  
organise a movement aiming at  
retaining the President, as they  
did successfully when a move-  
ment to boycott him was going  
on some time ago.

## OUR MANILA LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Manila, December 27.

Private advices received this  
week from San Francisco indi-  
cate that a readjustment of trans-  
Pacific freight rates on general  
cargo is now in progress for  
vessels of the United States  
Shipping Board, the general  
tendency being for decidedly  
higher tariffs on all west-bound  
goods. The rate at present is  
reported to be \$40 a ton, with the  
prospects of further advances.  
Early in November, the Shipping  
Board adopted a schedule of  
west-bound trans-Pacific rates  
upon the recommendation of  
shipping companies which are  
operating Shipping Board vessels,  
which fixed rates as follows:—To  
Japan ports, \$40; to China ports,  
\$45; Manila, \$30; Singapore, \$45;  
Calcutta and Colombo, \$50.  
Rates for sailing vessels were  
fixed at 20 per cent. less  
than the steamer rates. The  
Philippines, under this arrange-  
ment, were given a decidedly  
preferential rate, which was in  
line with the announced intention  
of the Shipping Board to make  
Manila the principal port of trans-  
shipment for American goods in  
the Far East. The readjustment  
which is apparently being made  
at present, indicates that this pre-  
ferential rate is being abandon-  
ed for the present probably on  
account of the competitive rates  
which are at present obtaining for  
all cargo from the Orient to the  
United States which boats of the  
Shipping Board are meeting. To  
meet these cut rates east-bound  
freight it has probably been found  
shipping men here believe, that it  
is impossible to maintain the \$30  
rate from San Francisco to Man-  
ila and come anywhere near  
making a profit. The higher rate  
will probably obtain until some  
adjustment is reached on the  
rates for east bound cargo.

Word received from the United  
States by local concerns that the  
Government has lifted certain  
restrictions against imports from  
the Orient, which have been  
enforced as a war measure, will  
doubtless relieve the shipping  
situation in the Philippines where  
there has been active bidding for  
available freight by all steamship  
companies, because Philippine  
products did not come under the  
import restrictions. This action  
will release a large amount of  
goods in Japan and China for  
export to the United States and  
will furnish cargo for the east-  
ward voyage, a shortage of which  
has prevailed for the past year or  
more.

Some 300,000 members of the  
American Red Cross Society have  
been enrolled in the Philippines  
during the Christmas campaign  
which has just closed, its estimat-  
ed by the Committee in charge.  
Between 13,000,300 and 15,000,000  
members were secured in the  
United States as a result of the  
drive.

Sir William Meyer, former  
Finance Minister for India, is in  
Manila investigating Philippine  
political and economic conditions.  
He states that there is a parallel  
in the situation prevailing in the  
two countries, since India is  
seeking Home Rule, while the  
Philippines are clamouring for  
independence. Sir William is  
interested in studying the degree  
of efficiency which Filipinos have  
attained in self-government.

Coconut oil manufacturers of  
the Philippines are giving con-  
siderable attention to the copra  
situation, as mills are confronted  
with a shortage of supply to keep  
their plants operating at capacity.  
Several of the larger concerns  
have taken steps to import copra  
from the Indies. The present  
high prices for copra in the com-  
petitive market, is also giving the  
oil mills a serious problem.

A shortage of some 35,000  
pesos has been discovered in the  
funds of the Chartered Banks of  
India, China and Australia, of  
which Mr. C. Y. Chalmers is the  
sub-accountant. Mr. Chalmers,  
who has lately returned from  
Shanghai, is now at Baguio.  
The Bank officials are conducting  
an investigation.

**RABBITS AND WOOL.**  
Rabbits keep down the wool  
supply in New Zealand, accord-  
ing to authentic information. At  
a discussion of what to do in order  
to eliminate or reduce the rabbit  
pest in New Zealand, a member  
of the New Zealand Council of  
Agriculture mentioned an area  
in the Auckland district of some  
70,000 acres which carried on a  
low estimate, 350,000 rabbits.

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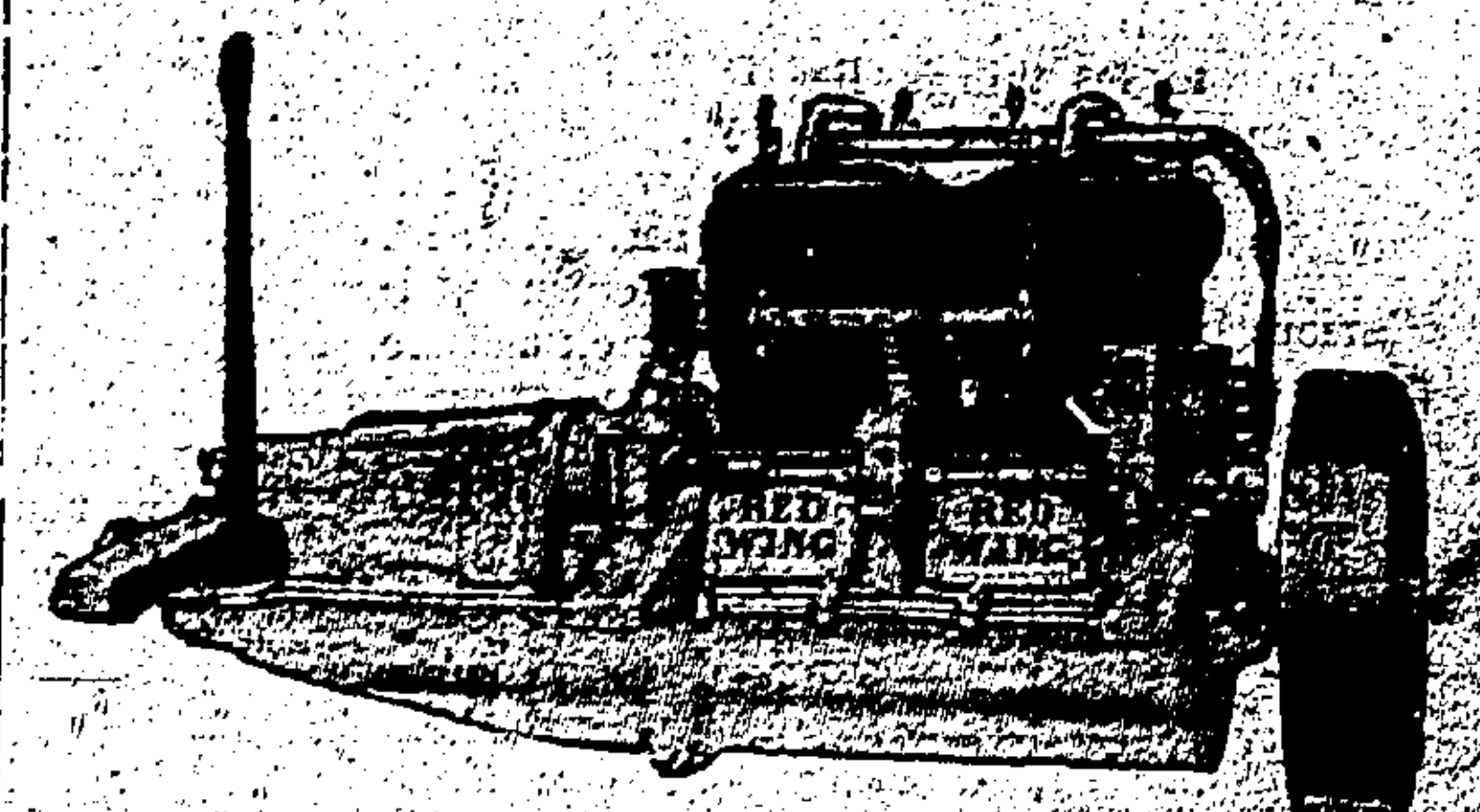
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## OUR PEKING LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Peking, December 21.

To-day there appears in the local press an authorised statement which gives the Government version of the course of the negotiations with the South and reveals the failure of the South to respond to the conciliatoriness of the North. The document shows that the Government yielded practically every point pressed by the South without success, as the deadlock still exists. Chapter and verse are given in support of the statements made which go far to creating the impression that every compromise made by the Government was followed by increased demands from Canton, concluding with the threat of the South to ruin China's representation at the Peace Conference by sending delegates of its own. By way of commentary on Southern ideas of compromise may be mentioned the fact that Canton has recommended that a well-known member of the Kuomintang be the Government's eleventh delegate! Yet Canton cannot agree upon the personnel of its own delegation. The Government is ready. Canton is uneasy. With whom rests the blame for delaying the settlement which is needed to reorganise this distracted country?

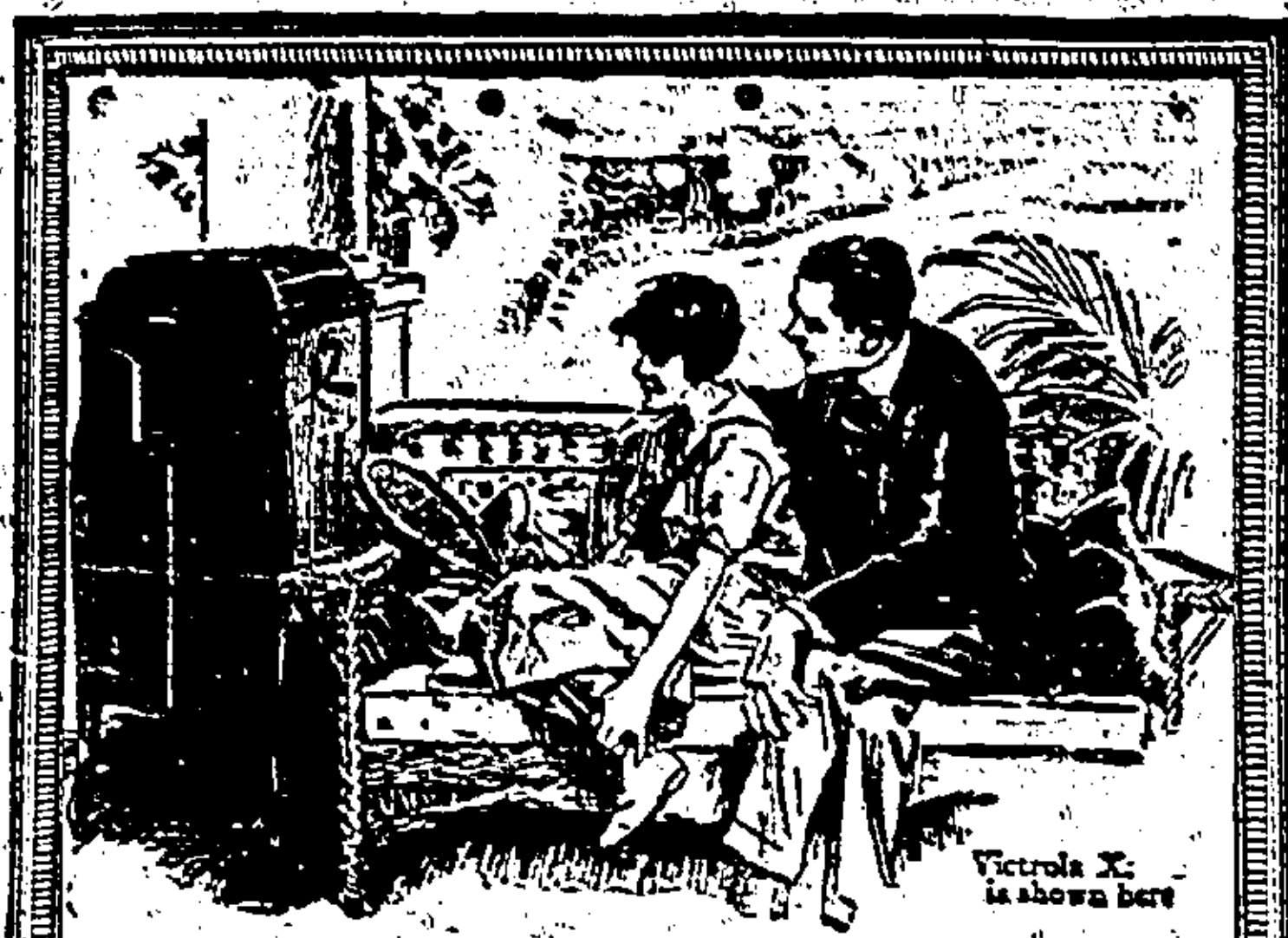
Owing to the great financial stringency which is ever present in the Peking administration, the Ministry of Finance has approached the Banking Consortium with the request that two million taels of the salt surplus be released. Recognition of the Government's urgent need will probably induce the bankers to accede to the request that China be permitted to have some of her own money.

Chinese ladies are being aroused to an interest in Red Cross work, like their sisters in other lands. A very successful meeting was held this afternoon in the west city in order to put the work of the newly established Chinese Women's Red Cross Society on a practical basis. Madame Hsiung Hsi-ling presided. The feature of the occasion was an address by the wife of the President. Madame Hsu suffered from sore throat and her speech was read by Madame Ni. The need for assisting the Chinese soldiers in Siberia engaged the attention of the meeting, and the advisability of doing something to prevent typhus among the troops was discussed.

An interesting story is related regarding the Nanking seizure of opium. A man in the Ministry of War obtained a permit to transmit seven coffins from Peking to Nanking. He altered the figure to eleven. Seven of the coffins actually contained corpses and probably also opium. The other four contained opium alone. The enterprising smuggler made one mistake which led to his undoing. He dropped two of the coffins en route, probably for interested friends. When he reached Nanking with only nine coffins the railway officials demanded explanations. He said that although he had a permit for eleven coffins he had only brought nine. The story was too thin. Telegraph inquiries elicited the information that eleven coffins had left Peking. Then the coffins were examined and the nice little deal was discovered. This gentleman was foolish enough to blame the Minister for War for the transaction and he has added this amiable individual to his list of enemies.

The subject of extraterritoriality which is as big as its terminology is long and awkward, is engaging the attention of a number of Chinese who think they have only to make a request to the Santa Claus at the Peace Conference and it will be handed down to them. China must prove her fitness, as had Japan, before the Powers consented to give up this form of protection for their respective nationals. One humorous remark was made the other night on this subject which should not be lost. It was suggested that if the wealthy Chinese had no place of refuge such as is afforded by the foreign settlements they would have to go to Hongkong or Japan for the desired protection. Consequently the demand for extraterritoriality may be suspected of British and Japanese inspiration in order that wealthy Chinese may be attracted to Hongkong or Japan.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1919.

### POLAND'S STRUGGLE.

No-one who has a thought for weak nations struggling to obtain freedom from long-standing oppression can look on at the events happening in Poland without a feeling of sympathy and a hope that the Polish patriots will at long last come into their own. Poland has had a history full of tribulation and suffering, but through centuries of oppression she has never lost her national aspirations. To-day, when the rights of the weak are being re-won and the evils of despotism being smashed, Poland looks hopefully to the dawn of a new and better era. She yearns for full liberty, and as an earnest of her desires she is marshalling her forces in preparation for assuming the obligations of self-government once again. Paderewski, the famous pianist and patriot, is at the head of the movement, and we are told that a Coalition Government is on the eve of establishment. But the enemy is still within the gates and in the midst of her plans for freedom Poland has still to pour out the blood of her sons.

But for the iron rule of oppressors, Poland would to-day have been a great and prosperous country. Before its dismemberment it had an area of 280,000 square miles, with a population of some twenty-five millions. But in its chequered career it has suffered three partitions, at the hands of Russia, Prussia and Austria. On the occasion of the last of these, King Stanislas resigned the Crown and later died broken-hearted in the Russian capital. When the French fought the Russians, great hopes were placed in the promises of Napoleon, who rallied around him a faithful army of patriots, but the only thing accomplished by Napoleon was the establishment of the Duchy of Warsaw. On the fall of Napoleon, Poland was granted a Constitution, which continued until 1830, its separate government lasting until 1864. Four years later it became Russian territory and its name was erased from the map. Since those far-off days, Poland has still kept before her the ideal of ultimate freedom. To-day, when she sees liberty being vindicated, her hopes and aspirations take on a new and fresh impetus. In this war, Poland has suffered as few nations have. Ground by Prussia on the one side and Russia on the other, her lot has, if possible, been even worse than that of Belgium. What her people have suffered is beyond description, and even at this time she is passing through the fiery furnace kindled by the Huns and the Bolsheviks. What has happened in Belgium and France—the looting, the butchery, the slave-driving—has all been re-enacted in this distressed land which cries aloud for deliverance.

Amidst all the turmoil and trial of the moment, the arresting figure of Paderewski stands forth in bold relief. He has given up his music and come back to the land of his birth to help in steering his beloved nation to brighter days. The German authorities have ordered him to leave, but he has refused point-blank and means to see the business through. We trust that he will prove the saviour of his race. The Germans, of course, are trying might and main to stifle Poland's rightful aspirations. They intend to place themselves in power by force and then to appear before the Peace Conference as the real rulers of the country. But the Allies must know the truth. They cannot be fooled by the Huns, who are doing with the Poles what they fruitlessly attempted with the Belgians. Will the Allies be content to stand by and say nothing? That is unthinkable. Poland has a just claim to their moral, and so far as is possible, material support. It should be liberally given, so that one more nation, during this time of world reconstruction, may be freed from the shackles which have for so long bound it but never succeeded in killing its soul.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

#### PALESTINE'S FUTURE.

Reuter has been so pre-occupied with matters in the Home country, namely the General Elections, that he has failed to tell us what are the incontestable rights of France in Palestine, Syria, Lebanon and Armenia of which Havas messages speak so laconically. We were told in a cable from Paris, dated the 30th ultimo, that M. Pichon, the French Foreign Minister, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies, said that England had recognised the incontestable rights of France concerning Palestine and the adjacent countries. Close on the heels of this announcement came another message, again through the Havas Agency, telling us of "the grave questions and serious demands concerning Syria and Palestine, which M. Clemenceau may raise at the Peace Conference on behalf of France," adding that these questions have been half received in advance. We are in a sea of speculation as to what all this prelude. Palestine has been conquered mainly by the British forces, a French naval detachment taking Beirut and Aleppo. France's "incontestable" claims could not conceivably go beyond these two cities, but it seems as if France is not going to be appeased with the handing over of those places won by French arms, for if M. Clemenceau's words can be literally interpreted, they mean that France's ambitions in the Middle East cover a larger radius. It looks as if Palestine may be a bone of contention at the Peace table. We had been led to believe that the Allies had come to a definite understanding regarding the government of this misruled country. We had an assurance from Mr. Balfour, given on behalf of the British Government to the Jews that the British would help to establish a Jewish National Home in Palestine. President Wilson promised that he would support that claim of the Jews to Palestine. We could hardly think that any of the Entente group other than Great Britain could have a claim on Palestine. British blood has been shed on the soil and the country has been developed during the tenure of the British occupation by British capital. It is essential that there should be unanimity between the Allies on all important points before they step into the Peace Congress; to thresh out the main principles there, would be confusion worse confounded. In the meantime we console ourselves with the hope that whatever France's claims may be in Palestine, Syria and Armenia they will not be outrageous.

OH, WHAT A FALL!  
Oh, what a fall there has been my countrymen! The tide against the Asquithians has "carried everything before it." Almost all those whom we have hitherto looked upon as men of administrative genius have gone by the board. The Election results have been a seven-days wonder, even to the staunchest Lloyd Georgean. How the times have changed! When Asquith's Government was in power, Mr. Lloyd George was cruelly lampooned in the British Press and every epithet suitable for an enemy was hurled against him. He was described as a tight-rope dancer and Billingsgate abuse was his daily ration. It is now the figure of Moses leading his flock into the Promised Land. The Old Asquithian "gang" are now the Die-Hard. In fact every member of the Asquith Cabinet has had the damper put on him, if we except the Rt. Hon. Edwin Samuel Montagu and Mr. Churchill, the former of whom deserted the Asquithian fold and was embosomed in the Lloyd Georgean clique. He was Under-Secretary of State for India under the Asquithian regime and the right-hand man of Mr. Asquith. He became in the Lloyd Georgean Government Secretary of State for India, and has been returned for Cambridgeshire. Among those of the "Old Gang" who have lost their seats are the Rt. Hon. Herbert Samuel, who was Postmaster-General of England and Secretary for Home Affairs in the Asquith Government, Rt. Hon. Sir John Simon, Rt. Hon. C. E. H. Hobhouse who was Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and visiting certain houses each night and threatening the inmates. Accused had a knife attached to his person by a string round his waist, and, on the way to the Police Station, made several attempts to escape. Mr. Wood, the accused, was fined \$100, or three months' hard labour.

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### DAY BY DAY.

THE SWEETNESS OF SELF-DENIAL WEARS WITH TIME AND BECOMES REDUCEDLY EAST.

To-morrow is the 20th anniversary of the foundation of Gordon College at Kharatoum.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 4.3-16d.

The time for playing off the rounds in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Captain's Cup Competition has been extended one week.

The names of Mr. W. Thom and Mr. J. Gibson have been added to the list of authorised architects and the register of chemists and druggists respectively.

Mr. C. D. Melbourne made \$9 in five minutes for the Government, this morning—fines from hawkers. Taken a six-hour day and three hundred working days a year, this works out at something in the region of \$200,000 per annum.

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News was received in the Colony yesterday, and has since been confirmed, that the Service Dollar, for the Military, has now been fixed at an exchange rate of 2/- for pay up to £300 per annum and in cases of pay above that figure, half will be paid at 2/- and half at the current rate of exchange. It is presumed the naval units will also come within the scope of this scheme, although no official confirmation has yet been received.

A Japanese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, this morning, with being in possession of an offensive weapon, without permission. Sergeant Cockle said the accused was one of a gang of youths who made a practice of visiting certain houses each night and threatening the inmates. Accused had a knife attached to his person by a string round his waist, and, on the way to the Police Station, made several attempts to escape. Mr. Wood, the accused, was fined \$100, or three months' hard labour.

### 1894. HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for week ending January 12, 1894.)

THE DOLLAR.  
January 5.—The rate of the Dollar, on demand, to-day, is 2s. 3d.

MR. F. H. MAY.  
January 8.—Mr. F. H. May, Captain Superintendent of Police, returned to the Colony from Shanghai, yesterday.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE ELECTION.  
A meeting of the Justices of the Peace was held this afternoon, for the purpose of electing a representative on the Legislative Council.

A PRESENTATION.  
January 9.—As a token of gratitude and mark of the esteem in which he is held by the local Police Force, many of whom have, from time to time, been carefully and skilfully nursed by him, Mr. L. Stevenson has, we learn, been presented with a gold locket and sleeve links, by the Force, upon the occasion of his retirement from the post of Senior Wardmaster of the Government Civil Hospital, on a well-earned pension.

IT WAS EVER THUS.  
January 10.—An itinerant hawk caught in the act of retailing kerosene oil in the streets yesterday, without a licence, looked in at Mr. Hastings Arbuthnot Road chambers, this morning, and after a brief discussion decided to graciously contribute \$5 to Her Majesty's Exchequer for the sake of peace and harmony, if for no other more selfish reason.

RECKLESS DRIVING.  
January 11.—Although scarcely a day passes but some glaring case of careless driving fairly paralyses onlookers, yet it is often remarked that the attention of the magistratus is seldom drawn to offences of this nature. To-day, however, a gharry-driver had to "face the music" owing to his having driven his trap over the toes of a coolie, in Queen's Road, yesterday.

FLATTERING IMITATION.  
January 12.—Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. We are glad to note that our local contemporaries are following the Telegraph's lead in denouncing the disgusting condition of the drains in the Colony.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.  
"The same old game."—In the Supreme Court to-day:—Counsel for plaintiff in a partnership suit (on being informed that his client cannot sue) :—"Well, My Lord, I have only just had the writ put into my hands this morning and I ask for an adjournment, as I know very little about the case. His Lordship (indignantly):—"Then why on earth do you come into Court at all?" "Ignorance is bliss."—Case adjourned till next Monday.

"SIDE."  
Our evening contemporary's dramatic critic suggests a "respectable bar for the patrons of the dress circle at the City Hall Theatre would be a good idea." Is not the bar adjoining the stalls respectable enough for the fastidious dandies of the D. C.? If not, where is the defect, where the lack of respectability? The peach-blossom representatives of "Brownie" and "Grannie" usually occupy seats in the dress circle as near the Vice-regal box as they can possibly manage and to go downstairs and drink with the common habitues of the stalls would be *infra dig*. The Mail man ought to bring a bun and a bottle of milk to refresh himself between the acts.

#### A SIMPLE CURE FOR COLDS.

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### THE FANCY DRESS BALL. AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

The Fancy Dress Ball, arranged by Mr. W. A. Dowley and by kind permission of the Military Authorities, and courtesy of the St. Andrew's Society, held at the Cabaret Dance Hall, last evening, attracted a large number of devotees of the "light fantastic." All concerned in organising the function are to be congratulated upon providing a most enjoyable evening. Music was provided by the Band of the 18th Infantry and a Filipino string band, whose excellent playing, coupled with a perfect floor, left nothing to be desired from a dancer's point of view. The wants of the "inner man" were efficiently catered for by Messrs. Wiseman, Ltd., and the general proceedings were under the supervision of Mr. W. A. Dowley, who was most energetic and assiduous in his duties. The dancing commenced soon after nine o'clock and by half past nine the floor was crowded. Although fancy dress was optional, the greater percentage of those present wore fancy costume, which included Memphis, Night, Indian Rajah, Mandarin, Coster, Red Indian, Girl, Parsee Lady, Currier, Jockey, Carmen, Hula Girl, Toreador, Spanish Girl, Bacchus, Britain, Goliath, Fisher Girl, Roman Gladiator, Greek, Cards, Vivandiere, Perrier, Pierette, and many other novel and excellent costumes. The dancing was continued to well after midnight and all voted it a most successful function.

The prizes, which took the form of War Bond tickets, were awarded as follows:—Ladies:—Miss Razavet, Red Indian; Mrs. W. J. Carroll, Hula Girl; Miss Morris, Night. Gentlemen:—Mr. A. H. Carroll, Greek; Mr. Ward, Coster; Mr. Chunyut, Toreador. The net proceeds are to be devoted to War charities.

### GERMANS IN CHINA.

#### PARLIAMENTARY ANSWERS.

In the House of Commons recently, answering Mr. Outhwaite, Sir G. Cave said the German Government had refused to ratify the agreement for an exchange of prisoners concluded at The Hague in July unless His Majesty's Government were prepared to guarantee that the Germans in China would be neither interned nor removed from the country against their will. Information with regard to the German refusal to ratify the Hague Agreement for the exchange of prisoners is contained in written answers which Sir George Cave, the Home Secretary, has given to questions by Mr. Joynson-Hicks.

Sir George Cave states that the question of the Germans in China was first raised by the German delegates at The Hague on June 24, when they were informed that the matter was outside the scope of the Conference and would not be discussed. The question was again raised by the Germans on several occasions, but in each case the same reply was given. Ultimately the German delegates refused to sign the Agreement unless they were allowed to add after their signatures an expression of their personal opinion that the ratification of the Agreement should depend on the settlement of the matter, and Lord Newton and General Belfield felt that it would not be justifiable by refusing this request to endanger the signature of an agreement which if carried out, would be of advantage to the British prisoners of war. The order forbids number of civilian enemy subjects in China is about 3,290, of whom 1,724 are women and children. The German claim is to be a delegate at any political conference, to assume the conduct of any political campaign, to attempt to coerce or intimidate any railwayman in exercising the powers which have been conferred on him, and to become a candidate for any political office. As there are about a million officers and employees of the American railways, Mr. McAdoo's order should be republished.

### TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The demise of the once famous American humorous weekly *Punch* seems to have had little or no notice in this England. Maybe because it has been so long a-dying. The mortal sickness came upon it with the death of its most famous editor, H. G. Bunner, in the late nineties. It had occasional spells of lusty health, but never managed to be its old self again. Originally issued from St. Louis in German, in 1877 it moved to New York and changed its language to English. Amongst its list of contributors in those days one finds Brander Matthews, Eugene Field, B. Nye, and John Kendrick Bangs. Joseph Keppler was its brilliant and chief cartoonist. His brilliancy became strangely dim with the death of *Punch's* editor. It is said the artist worked his ideas to Bunner. In its heyday *Punch* had no rival. Unfortunately fashions in humour change—any old volume of *Punch* will prove that. But *Punch* has the knack of keeping up to date. That perhaps explains the common plaint, "*Punch* isn't what it was!" *Punch* has died because it couldn't keep up with the fashions. It has left no successor, unless it be *Life* which is of a rather different calibre.

The unwritten laws of an officers' mess—a touchy subject at the best of times, and more so at the present, when so many gallant young officers are drawn from a society unused to the shibboleths of "fashionable" life—are the subject of a booklet by Lieut.-Col. E. G. Mackenzie, sometime instructor of a school for infantry officers. The points dealt with include where to sit, when (and when not) to smoke, official calls and "card-shooting," generally, how to treat waiters, strangers, and other officers, guests, and how to drink the King's health. If you dine with the Royal Marines you will make yourself very conspicuous if you stand up on this occasion, as ordinary mortals do, for the Royal Marines (and certain regiments originally raised as marines) drank the Royal toast sitting, because the "tween decks" of the old days did not permit them to stand up. When a young officer goes to a dance given by the N.C.O.s or men of his regiment he must beware of the fatal error of offering to pay for his drinks. He is warned, too, to beware of the drinks themselves, which are plentiful and of strong measure. He is advised to leave early, but on no account to "cut" any dances without searching for his partners and apologising to them.

One wonders what our railwaymen at home will think when they learn that Mr. McAdoo, the Director General of the American Railways, has issued an order telling all American railroad officials and men to keep away from politics. In his order he states that when the railroads were under private control they were frequently used for partisan political purposes, that railroad corporations were often adjuncts of political machines, and that even sovereign States were dominated by them at times. He remarks that contributions to campaign funds and the skillful and effective coercion of employees were some of the means by which it was believed that many railroads exerted power and influence in politics. All this, he goes on to say, must stop now. The Government controls the railways, as there is no selfish or private interest to be served, nor any incentive to would be of advantage to the political activity of the part of British prisoners of war. The order forbids number of civilian enemy subjects in China is about 3,290, of whom 1,724 are women and children. The German claim is to be a delegate at any political conference, to assume the conduct of any political campaign, to attempt to coerce or intimidate any railwayman in exercising the powers which have been conferred on him, and to become a candidate for any political office. As there are about a million officers and employees of the American railways, Mr. McAdoo's order should be republished.



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## A NEW YORK INCIDENT.

From the quaintly cut and coloured jacket of a Chinese girl to the matter-of-fact uniform of an American ambulance surgeon would seem to be quite a change, but Dr. Fung Yuen-Tseo, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ling Han-Tseo, of Nanchang, China, who appeared for the first time recently in New York on duty in an ambulance belonging to Bellevue Hospital, made it with comparative ease apparently. Dr. Tseo has been sent to America by the Chinese Government to be educated, and with Oriental thoroughness, even to the point of experiencing the work of a hospital intern on an ambulance, is completing her medical course here so that she may return to her native land to teach and practice medicine among her own people.

Having been graduated from a boarding school in Kichiang, China, Dr. Tseo and her brother, George B. Tseo, were sent by their Government to study at Northwestern University. After taking supplementary courses at Michigan University and Chicago University, she came to Bellevue Hospital to complete her medical work, and now as ambulance intern is probably blazing the trail for others of her countrywomen. Her brother was graduated in 1917 from the Colorado Mining College as a mechanical engineer.

## THE FALLS.

## NIAGARA IN WAR TIME.

To escape the war Niagara seemed suitable, being beloved of brides, so I was told. As Oscar Wilde once said, it is the place where water runs the wrong way, though, like the Irishman, I don't see even now what there is to stop it, says P. W. Wilson in the *Daily News*. The American Falls are best displayed; nearer Canada the translucent green is thirty feet deep and cuts a yard and a half of rock every year. Like Germany, the rock is hard on top and soft shale below, which means caves, with the roof of autocacy breaking in under the flow of progress. The gorge has taken twenty-five centuries. Babylon and Egypt mark the whirlpool. Rome rose with the Grand Trunk Cantilever, and Christianity with the International Bridge—Stars and Stripes one end, and Union Jack the other. A thousand years will see the gorge complete, so I was just in time.

I lunched at a hotel by the falls, which make quite a noise. A young man took the seat opposite, having seen the Grand Canyon and the Rockies. We became fast friends, and fast is quite the proper word—like lightning. We would risk life together under the falls, and entered the required cubicle. We stripped entirely, pooled our valuables in a tin box of which I took the key while he paid the dollar, put on pyjamas, which suggested that in America all men are equal, with strong sandals, still wet, and a yellow sweater which refused to include my head. Then we climbed down the bare face of the precipice, plunged into the mist, and became part of the rainbow. In thirty seconds the rainbow soaked us to the skin.

## NAVAL AND MILITARY.

## SOME INTERESTING ITEMS.

Rear-Admiral H. D. Wilkin, D.S.O., who has just been promoted to flag rank is well known on the China Station, where he served several commissions. The son of the late Major Wilkin, 11th and 7th Hussars, he entered the Royal Navy in 1875, served as a midshipman at the bombardment of Alexandria, 1882 (medal with clasp). He was lieutenant commander of the *Widgeon* in the Gambia Expedition, 1891-92, lieutenant commander of H.M.S. *Sparrow* during the South African War (medal). He was in command of H.M. *Otter* on the China Station, when in 1900 the *Sandpiper* went down in a typhoon at Hongkong, on which occasion he rescued the officer and men before she sank (promoted commander for this service). In command of H.M.S. *Clio* for some time in the Western Pacific, he was employed in settling affairs in the Tongan Islands. In December, 1905, he was 17 days ashore at Shanghai in connection with the disturbance there, whilst in command of the British forces landed on that occasion. Rear-Admiral Wilkin retired from the Navy in 1913, and returned on the outbreak of the war, and for some time has been in command of the naval forces at Belfast.

Major-General J. A. Douglas, Indian Army, who has been given that temporary rank after three years in command of a brigade, served in the China War of 1900 as a special service officer at the Relief of Peking (mentioned in despatches, medal with clasp). He also served in the Waziristan Expedition, 1894-95 (medal with clasp), and has been mentioned several times for services in the present war (C.I.E.).

Colonel J. A. Meek, Army Medical Service, who has just been placed on the retired list, served with the hospital ship *Maine* during the China War, 1900 (medal). He was on active service in the Sikkim Expedition, 1888 (medal), the South African War, when he was on the *Maine* (Queen's medal with three clasps, mentioned in despatches), and in the present war (mentioned in despatches, C.B.).

Paym.-Com. E. E. Silk, R.N., who has been appointed to the *Vivid* as acting paym.-capt. was paym. of the *Orlando* during operations in North China in 1900 (China medal).

After four days of Dumas, I stood at the station, sorry to leave. A marine spoke—one of the original, highly-trained ten thousand. I remarked, "Fine falls you have here!" He looked at me with astonishment. "I never thought much of them," he replied, "I was bred here—but in a tone of pity—lots of people do come every summer—they must find something to please them."

A band played, and suddenly the station, which was part of the street, filled with people, who stopped, looked, and listened. They seemed jolly enough, but one girl, in her teens, wiped her eyes. A khaki company passed with fixed bayonets. Then came the flag, and we all uncovered. Finally, nurses in white and Amazons in brown escorted a little group of civilians, carrying suit-cases. They were the latest handful of that week's draft—a hundred thousand in all. They marched without a murmur to a war four thousand miles away. That was their "Terrapin Trail" to the rock over which blood flows like water.

HONGKONG DEFENCE  
CORPS.

## NEW COMMISSIONS.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Hongkong Defence Corps, with effect from the 3rd January, 1919:—

Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D., to be Major.  
Lieutenant H. W. B. Keanett to be Captain.

Second Lieutenants W. Brown, D. Templeton, F. H. Thomas, R. Sutherland, W. J. Hill, G. E. Marley, and F. C. Hall to be Lieutenants.

These promotions are made subject to the passing of the prescribed examinations.

## APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments are gazetted:—

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council.

Mr. R. G. Shewan to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council vice Mr. E. Shellim.

Mr. T. F. Hough to be a Member of the Licensing Board for three years.

Mr. H. J. Gedge to be a Member of the Medical Board vice Mr. H. W. Looker, resigned.  
Sergeant H. E. Strange, R.A.M.C., to be temporarily a Sanitary Inspector.

Rural Building Lot No. 143, above Coombe Road, is to be sold by auction at the P.W.D. offices on the 20th inst. It has an area of 10,800 square feet and the upset price is \$1,296.

## SUBSTITUTE FOR REFRIGERATORS.

The chemical and engineering laboratories of Columbia University have announced that they have "perfected" a new drying process by which meats and fish can be kept indefinitely and then restored to their former state of freshness by the application of water. It is believed that this discovery will serve to increase the world's meat shipping capacity by more than twelve times by doing away with the need of refrigerators.

TO-DAY'S  
ADVERTISEMENTS.

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LOST.—STOLEN, OR STRAY.—ED. Fox terrier dog. Freely marked BLACK and BROWN on face. Thick set. License No. 258. Reward if returned to 5 Broadwood Road.

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## FROM PENANG.

THE Steamship "HAIYANG" having arrived from above port, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 16th January, 1919, at 5 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godown where they will be examined by Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, on 10th January, 1919, at 9.30 a.m. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 14 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. No fire insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Bill of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 3rd Jan. 1919.

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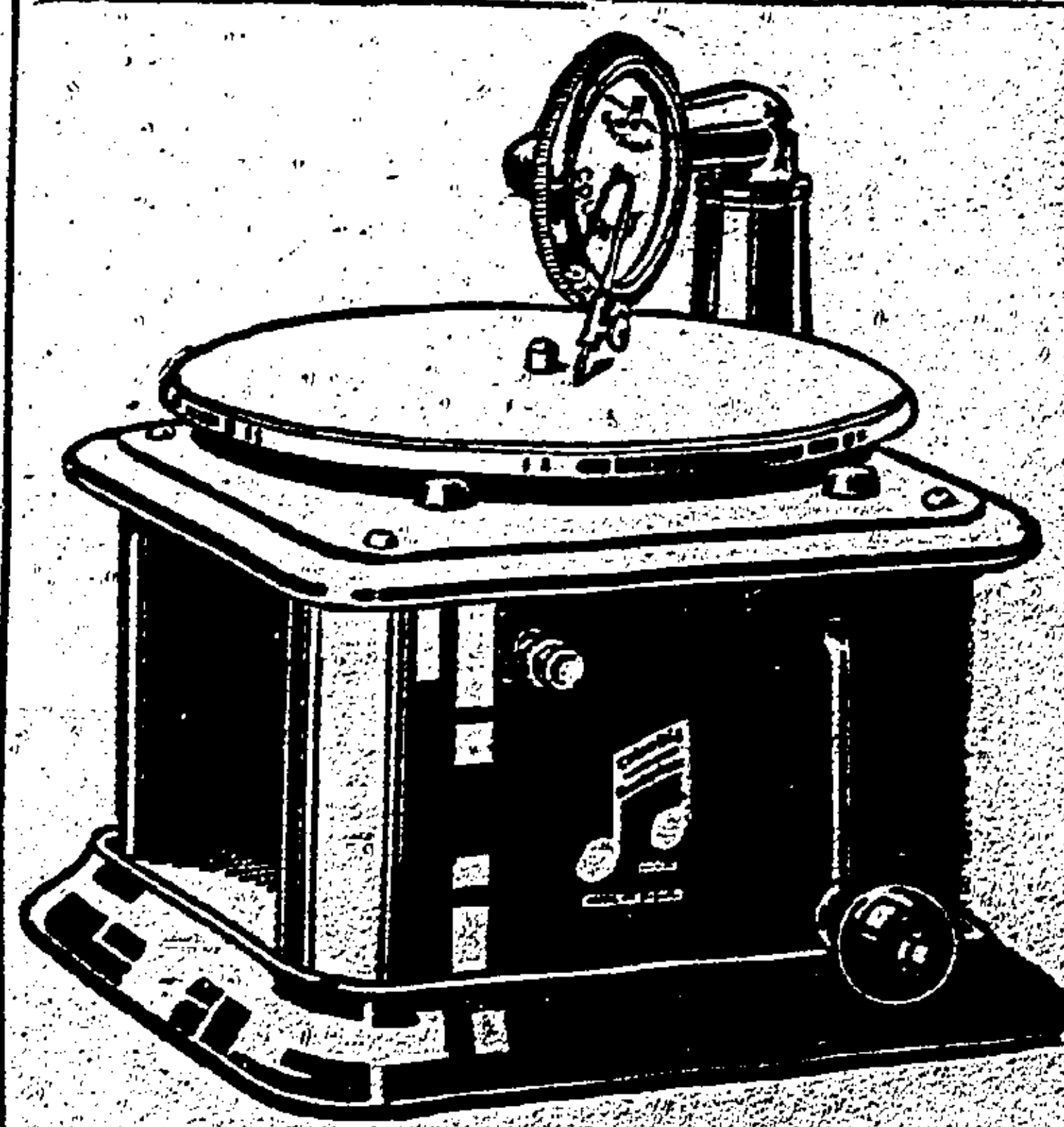
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Sailings from Hongkong subject to alteration.

Destination.	Steamer & Displacement.	Sailing Dates.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKO- HAMA	*Mishima Maru T. 15,450	SATUR. 11th Jan. at 11 a.m.
	*Sado Maru T. 12,560	SAT. 18th Jan. at 11 a.m.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKO- HAMA	*Kikano Maru T. 15,450	SATUR. 18th Jan. at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, MOI & KOBE... Tensho Maru T. 7,000 SUNDAY, 11th Jan.

LONDON or Liverpool via Singa-  
pore, Penang, Colombo, Suez  
and Port Said... \*Tamba Maru T. 12,510 FRI. 24th Jan. at 11 a.m.

MELBOURNE via Manila, Zam-  
boanga, Thursday Is., Town-  
sville, Brisbane & Sydney... \*Mishima M. T. 15,450 FRI. 7th Feb. at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK via Shanghai, Kobe,  
Yokohama, San Francisco and  
Panama Canal... \*Nikko Maru T. 9,600 WED. 27th Jan. at 11 a.m.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Malac-  
ca and Colombo... \*Kamakura M. T. 12,410 WED. 19th Feb. at 11 a.m.

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ANJO MARU	15,000	18th March.
HIPOK MARU	11,000	7th May.

Cargo may be interchanged with the Canadian Pacific Ocean Service Ltd. and the Pacific  
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Passengers may travel by rail between ports of call in Japan free of charge.  
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## SHIPPING NEWS.

SHIPPING RESTRICTION ACT.  
Mr. Nakanishi, Japanese Vice-  
Minister of Communications,  
states that in view of the need of  
tonnage for the transportation of  
foreign rice to Japan and of  
provisions to Germany and  
Austria-Hungary after the con-  
clusion of Peace, the Government  
has no intention to abolish the  
Shipping Restriction Act, but will  
try to allow liberal latitude in its  
application.

A LOST STEAMER.  
The s.s. Mansei Maru No. 2  
(1760 tons), owned by the Tokio  
Kaifu Kaisha, which left Moji on  
Oct. 15th for Shanghai with 1800  
tons of coal, is now reported as a  
total loss. The steamer left Moji  
for Shanghai on Oct. 15th with  
1800 tons of coal, but nothing has  
been heard of her since then. A  
search was made but without  
avail. The crew, numbering  
thirty-eight, is believed to have  
been drowned.

NEW CHINA-JAPAN LINE.  
According to a report, the  
Amagasaki Steamship Company in  
Osaka has now a plan on foot  
to start a regular steamship  
service between Osaka, Shanghai  
and Tsingtau, via Moji and  
Nagasaki. The service will  
probably be started in April next.  
According to the "Seoul  
Press," four steamers of 1,500 tons  
or so will be put on the route, of  
which two are already in course  
of construction. The promoters  
intend to extend the service to  
Chempoo, should circumstances  
be favourable.

TRANSFERRED FROM ARMY  
TO R.N.R.

Still another member of the  
profession, in the person of Sub-  
lieutenant Murray Short, R.N.R.,  
has recently been transferred  
from the Army to the Naval  
Services. This officer, although  
holding a good position as chief  
officer in the Merchant Service,  
joined up in the Sportsmen's  
Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers  
in the early days of the war, and  
saw considerable service in  
France. Ultimately he, with  
many others, when the new  
Armies were coming along, had,  
on account of age, to give way  
to younger first line troops, and  
he has, therefore, for some time  
past, been engaged upon duties  
in which no actual fighting was  
involved. As he had joined up  
especially to see active service,  
he at once approached the  
Imperial Merchant Service Guild  
of which society he had been a  
member for many years, to assist  
him in getting a transfer to the  
Naval Service, and after cor-  
respondence on his behalf, which  
extended over a very long period,  
the welcome news has just been  
received by the secretary that he  
has been discharged from the  
Army, and has been granted a  
commission as sub-lieutenant in  
the Royal Naval Reserve, after  
considerably more than three  
years' service in the Army.

MERCHANT SERVICE OFFICERS'  
INCOME-TAX ASSESSMENT.

In spite of the fact that it was  
decided—due entirely to the  
strong representations made by  
the Imperial Merchant Service  
Guild through their Parliamen-  
tary Committee in the House of  
Commons—well over a year ago  
that Merchant Service captains,  
officers, and seamen should be  
entitled to be assessed for the  
same rate of income-tax as those  
serving in the Navy and the  
Army, mistakes are still made by  
local surveyors of taxes in  
assessing merchant captains and  
officers for their income-tax. A  
number of these cases have been  
referred to Guild by members and  
have been satisfactorily settled  
on their representations. A case  
somewhat outside of the ordinary  
occurred some little time ago,  
where the wife of a captain mem-  
ber interned in Germany had  
received her husband's assess-  
ment, and in it he had been as-  
sessed for the full amount. It  
should be mentioned that one of  
the conditions of the pre-war as-  
sessment is that they must have  
been actively employed at sea  
during the period for which  
income-tax is being demanded.  
This captain being a prisoner it  
was obvious that he could not  
fulfil these requirements, and the  
Guild at once took the matter up  
with the headquarters of the In-  
land Revenue in London, as they  
had been successful in a some-  
what similar case last year.  
There were several other matters  
in the assessment which appeared  
to be wrong and it was requested  
that the case should be looked  
into. A reply has now been receiv-  
ed stating that the pre-war assess-  
ment of £160 has been allowed in  
this case, and the notice for  
assessment having been duly  
amended, no tax whatsoever is  
now payable in this case.

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MANILA Loongsang Fri. 10th Jan. at 3 p.m.

SHANGHAI Taisang Thur. 17th Jan. at daylight

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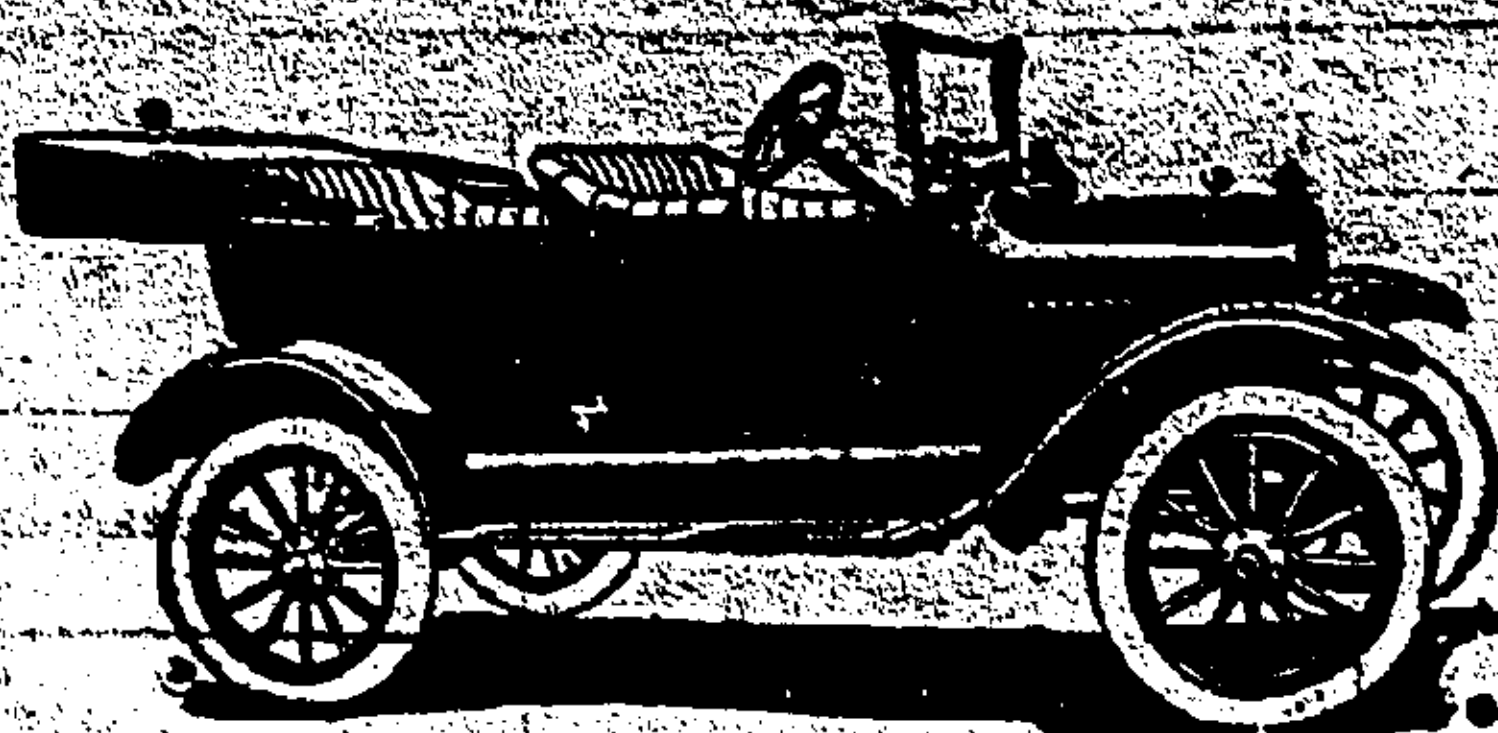
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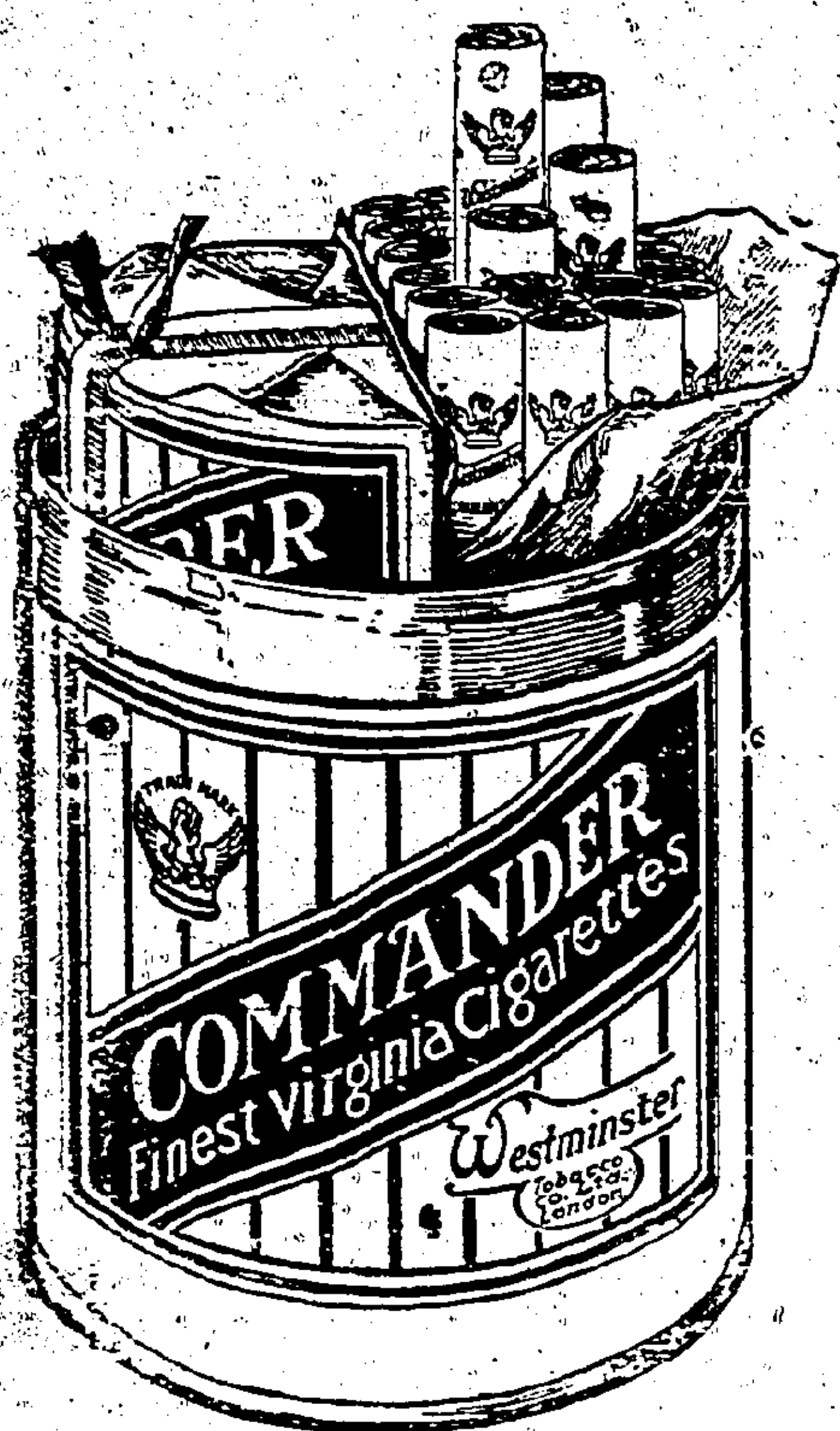






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The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

On and after May 1st 1919, Imperial Postal Orders will be cashed in India at the rate of 1/8 to the rupee.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwaz or Mohammara in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

The Parcel Post Service to the Portuguese Colonies in West Africa and to Spanish Offices in Morocco, (except for Provisions of War) is suspended.

Parcels for Greece cannot be accepted for transmission unless accompanied by a special permit issued by the British Minister at Athens.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Udine, Vicenza, Verona, Padua, Venice and Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

The Importation into the Commonwealth of Australia of tea, other than that grown and produced in British Possessions is prohibited unless the consent in writing of the Commonwealth Minister for Trade and Customs has been first obtained.

The Parcel Post Service to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Force), and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Beiruth, French Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

Telegraphic information has been received from London that a packet of Sugar not exceeding one pound in weight may still be sent by parcel post to the United Kingdom and that such packets are admitted to the United Kingdom free of import licence or customs duty.

The charge for customs duty on type samples of unmanufactured tobacco not exceeding 600g in gross weight, and on samples of spirits (except re-fused spirits) not exceeding 120g in gross weight imported into the United Kingdom by post has now been increased to 25/6 and 15/6 respectively.

The Importation by post into Japan of foreign rice, except such as may be imported by the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce and the persons designated by him, is prohibited.

This prohibition is not applicable to rice imported into Taiwan (Formosa) and Karabato (Japanese English).

Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

### OUTWARD MAILS.

#### TO-MORROW.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung AMAKURA MARU, 5th Jan, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 6th January.  
Java & Port Moresby via Patavia-Per TJSALAH, 6th Jan, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, 7th January.  
Shanghai & North China-Per SINGAN, 7th Jan, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fochow-Per HAITAN, 7th Jan, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, 9th January.  
Shanghai & N. China-Per SUNNING, 9th Jan, 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 10th January.  
Philippine Is.-Per LOONGSAN, 10th Jan, 5 p.m.

Swatow-Per VAN CLOON, 10th Jan, 11 a.m.

SUNDAY, 12th January.  
Shanghai & N. China-Per YOKOHAMA, 12th Jan, 10 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fochow-Per HAITAN, 12th Jan, 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 15th January.  
Shanghai & North China-Per SINGAN, 15th Jan, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fochow-Per HAITAN, 15th Jan, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, 16th January.  
Shanghai & N. China-Per SUNNING, 16th Jan, 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 17th January.  
Philippine Is.-Per LOONGSAN, 17th Jan, 5 p.m.

Swatow-Per VAN CLOON, 17th Jan, 11 a.m.

SUNDAY, 19th January.  
Shanghai & N. China-Per YOKOHAMA, 19th Jan, 10 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fochow-Per HAITAN, 19th Jan, 1 p.m.

### WEATHER REPORT.

January 3d, 12h. 24m. No return from Japan, Vladivostok and the Philippines. Pressure has decreased slightly at Shanghai, and increased moderately at other reporting stations. The anticyclone remains stationary and fresh to strong monsoon will prevail along the China coast and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 6.04 inch. Total since January 1st 0.18 inches against an average of 0.98 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

Direction Forecast.

1. Hongkong to Cat Root. N. & N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

2. Formosa Channel. N. winds, strong.

3. South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4. South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register, Jan. 3, a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Force	Weather
Yokohama	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Kobe	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Manila	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Amoy	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Swatow	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Shanghai	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Beiping	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Tientsin	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Harbin	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Urumchi	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Lanchow	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Kashgar	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Yarkand	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Khotan	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Uzun Darya	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Chirchik	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Angren	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
Samarkand	6a	30.50	24	87	W	4	0
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